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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
Kazuhiro NOGUCHI ) Examiner: Unassigned  
Application No.: Unassigned ) Group Art Unit: Unassigned  
Filed: Concurrently Herewith )  
For: VIBRATION CORRECTING DEVICE, )  
LENS BARREL, AND OPTICAL )  
DEVICE ) December 19, 2001

Commissioner for Patents  
**Box New Application**  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend paragraph nos. [0036], [0037], [0040] and [0041] to read as follows. A marked-up copy of these paragraphs, showing the changes made thereto, is attached.

[0036] --Figs. 49(a), 4(b) and 4(c) are drawings for explaining a drive means of the shift unit;--

[0037] --Figs. 5(a), 5(b), 5(c) and 5(d) are drawings for explaining a ball movement limiting space in the shift unit;--

[0040] -- Figs. 8(a) and 8(b) are explanatory views of a flexible substrate to be used for the shift unit;--

[0041] --Figs. 9(a) and 9(b) are drawings for explaining the characteristics of the shift frame of the position detecting means with respect to rotation; and--.

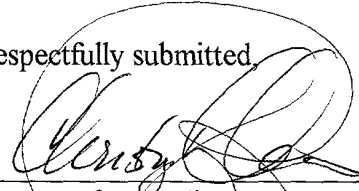
#### REMARKS

The present Preliminary Amendment is being filed together with the original applications papers in the subject application.

The proposed amendments merely conform the written disclosure with the original drawings. No new matter has been added.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE TO THE SPECIFICATION**

[0036] Figs. [4] 49(a), 4(b) and 4(c) are drawings for explaining a drive means of the shift unit;

[0037] Figs. [5] 5(a), 5(b), 5(c) and 5(d) are drawings for explaining a ball movement limiting space in the shift unit;

[0040] [Fig. 8 is an] Figs. 8(a) and 8(b) are explanatory [view] views of a flexible substrate to be used for the shift unit;

[0041] Figs. [9] 9(a) and 9(b) are drawings for explaining the characteristics of the shift frame of the position detecting means with respect to rotation; and

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